

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Did you know that you are part of a love story that began at the dawn of creation? And that that love has never given up on you?

No I'm not talking Valentine's Day, or Hallmark movies or romance novels. I'm talking about the unfolding story of God's love for YOU.

I don't need to tell you how judgmental and negative our world is. Our worth is often judged by our income level, our skin color, our sexual orientation and so much more. We're told over and over again that we're too old, not pretty enough, not smart enough.

### AND YET GOD SAYS...

That we are all created in God's image. That we are designed for love. We are designed to be in relationship with God who created beautiful home for us. Even when we let God down..God beacons us. God waits with arms wide open for us to seek healing and wholeness in His love. God's love came to earth wrapped in flesh that we might see it embodied before us in Jesus.

The story of this great love is recorded for us in the Bible, from beginning to end. And as we are reminded of God's love for us..we are reminded that God's love is to be manifest through us in our care for others. As we move into the Lenten season both our churches are manifesting that love through mission/community outreach projects (free spaghetti supper at Westminster and 40 days 40 items at Highland). Please support these projects that we might show God's great love to others.

## HIGHLAND UNITED



### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—NOVEMBER 2024

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>G. Fund</u>     | <u>B. Fund</u>   | <u>Mission</u>   | <u>Adult SS</u> | <u>K. Ministry</u> | <u>Per Capita</u> | <u>Total</u>        |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 11/03/24      | \$ 2,255.00        | \$ 250.00        | \$ 110.00        | \$ 0.00         | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 2,615.00         |
| 11/10/24      | \$ 3,617.25        | \$ 90.00         | \$ 120.00        | \$ 0.00         | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 3,827.25         |
| 11/17/24      | \$ 2,681.00        | \$ 185.00        | \$ 55.00         | \$ 0.00         | \$ 533.00          | \$ 0.00           | \$ 3,454.00         |
| 11/24/24      | \$ 1,721.48        | \$ 50.00         | \$ 25.00         | \$ 0.00         | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 1,796.48         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$10,274.73</b> | <b>\$ 575.00</b> | <b>\$ 310.00</b> | <b>\$ 0.00</b>  | <b>\$ 533.00</b>   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>    | <b>\$ 11,692.73</b> |

Per Capita Assessment for 2024 is for 124 members @ \$33.00/member-\$4,092.00.

Total given to date for 2024 is \$1,409.30.

November Mission PERRY HUMAN SERVICES—\$310.00

October Mission Join Hands—\$70.00

## DEACON NEWS

### DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS: MICHELLE BYERS

**PRAYER BOX:** The Deacon's have place a prayer box in the Narthex for prayer requests. There are prayer cards beside the box. The Deacon of the Month will collect the prayers weekly so the Deacons can pray for your needs.



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**Rev. Nancy McClure**  
**Clerk of Session**  
Patricia Shutt  
**Church Secretary**  
Linda Bitting  
**Church Treasurer**  
Kathy Smith

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Feb. 2 | Janice Zaring, Logan Bates                  |
| 3      | Linda McAskill, Stephen Adams, Kelli Kinzer |
| 4      | Calleigh Barlup                             |
| 5      | Susan Robinson, Brielle Kauffman            |
| 8      | Avon Wagner                                 |
| 11     | Kathy Smith, Ava Barlup                     |
| 12     | Tyler Rolston, Lori Little                  |
| 15     | Emma Babski                                 |
| 17     | William Buffington                          |
| 18     | Lucy Pascoe                                 |
| 23     | Tripp Bryson, Cathy Mathias                 |
| 25     | Adam Smith                                  |
| 26     | Melissa Neidigh                             |
| 28     | Henry Barlup                                |

**Anniversaries: NONE**

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

### Financial Secretary

Geri Hal



### ELDERS ON SESSION

Nancy Campbell  
Janice Zaring  
Jessica Bryson  
James Turner  
Michael Byers  
Cecile Willet  
Dennis Tressler  
Robert Rolston  
Pat Shutt

### DEACONS

Linda Bitting  
Elaine Buffington  
Darlene Fitzpatrick  
Lori Little  
Ethel Mohler  
Michelle Byers  
Carol Kauffman  
Wendy Brunner  
Susan Robinson



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES** each Monday at Highland United. Morning session is from 9:30-11. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** A Celebration of Life Service for Tom Ulsh will be held Saturday, February 22, in Highland's Clark Hall. Visitation will begin at Noon, followed by a meal at 1:00 and the service at 2:00.

## WESTMINSTER UNITED

**Feb. Lector:** Shelly Horning

**Feb. Counters:** Diane Marshall, Shelly Horning

**Feb. Greeters:** Shelly Horning, Deb Heisey

**Feb. Closer:** Shelly Horning

**Children's Activities Feb 2** Gabe and Emily Book **9** Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler **16** Meghan Geedey **23** Kit Parks and Michelle Parks

**Feb. Birthdays Feb. Anniversaries:**

**Due to weather concerns, and the need to get this out, we will add birthday's and anniversaries as soon as we get them.**

### **WESTMINSTER**

3rd and Lemon Streets  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

### **E-mail:**

westminsterupc@gmail.com

### Clerk of Session

Kit Parks

### Church Secretary

Judy Armstrong

### Church Treasurer

Mary Ann Willis

### Sunday School

### Superintendent

John Shirk



**DON'T FORGET** you can now zoom into worship at Westminster at 11am. The link for Westminster worship is found in the worship section of this newsletter.



Please add the following dates to your calendar:

February 6 Trustees at 4:45 in the church office

February 6 Session Meeting in Sunday School Room at 6:30 p.m.

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

### Sunday School Treasurer

Diane Marshall

### ELDERS ON

### SESSION

Aaron Geedey

Diane Marshall

Kit Parks

Jody Satzler

Jan Manbeck

Rob Digon

Chris Fisher

Marie McNaight

### TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning



**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER TAKE OUT...** Westminster is once again offering a FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER on March 11, with snow-date March 18. The meal will be take outs only. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** We will need packers, servers, greeters and cookie makers. Please reach out to a member of the community outreach team if you are willing to help. We are able to do this thanks to the Caramel Fund, the Food Pantry and OIP.

### **HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION: OUR FEBRUARY MISSION IS:**

**CAMP KRISLUND:** In 1962 the Presbyteries of Huntingdon and Northumberland elected members of a taskforce to search for suitable land for the development of a camp and conference center.. An area of land was found in Little Sugar Valley in the Nittany Mountains. Carlisle Presbytery joined in a purchase of service agreement in 1973 This increased the number of campers that could attend Krislund. Krislund is nestled on over 800 acres. Krislund offers faith-based summer camp programs in addition to year round conference and retreat facilities. The mission is for all people to encounter God, build relationships and experience creation. The vision is a world where everyone can have a holistic experience of God.

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### MISSION



**FORTY DAYS, FORTY ITEMS...THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** The mission committee is challenging everyone at the start of Lent (March 5<sup>th</sup>) to take one article of clothing, shoes etc., that you are not using out of your closet. You will collect those items in a trash bag that will be provided to you – one item each day. At the end of Lent we will collect those bags and they will be donated to Community Aid and they will credit Join Hands of Perry County, It is a win-win. We provide used clothing to those who need it and support a local ministry. LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



**WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR FEBRUARY: HELPING HANDS OF JUNIATA COUNTY.**



**JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS) TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), WHOLE CHICKENS, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY, BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX. A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

### EDUCATION



#### 2025 ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our journey through the Old Testament is up and running. We have been blessed with over 20 people who are participating on line or in person. You are always welcome to join us! Here is the schedule for February:

On-line: 2/5 2/12 2/19 2/26 at 6:30pm

In person: 2/8 Westminster 2/15 Highland 2/22 Westminster

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED

#### HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:

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|         |                                      |        |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Mar. 2  | Dana Bryan and Wilma Klingensmith    | Apr. 6 | Sharon Delancey and Sally Tengeres   |
| May 4   | Mary Horting and Darlene             | June 1 | Carol Kauffman and Lori Little       |
| July 6  | Dixie Gordon and Darla Page          | Aug. 3 | Linda Sanderson and Kathy Sanderson  |
| Sept. 7 | Cecile Willet and Nancy Campbell     | Oct. 5 | Susan Robinson and Elaine Buffington |
| Nov. 2  | Darlene Fitzpatrick and Nancy Sweger | Dec. 7 | Janice Zaring and Jessica Bryson     |

**IF THE MONTH DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SWITCH WITH OTHERS AND PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW ALSO.**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:



Colton Cook, Darlene Shaffer, Ellen White, Daniel Cox, Emily Reeser, Charles Ebling, Marjory Miller, David Miller. Bill Baker, Russell LaForce, James Bryan, Carol Rhoades, Diana Landis, Barry Cornell, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Barb Koppenhaver, Glenn McNaught, Curtis Beatty, Jane Shirk, Joe Benner, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, Ida McClure, Don McClure, Jr., Lori Comp, J. R. Bair, Frank Family and Donna Pontius.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

#### PASTOR NANCY'S OFFICE HOURS



|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Tuesday and Thursday | at Highland United |
| Wednesday            | at Westminster     |

#### SECRETARY'S HOURS:

|                  |                     |                    |                   |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Highland United: | Tuesday 8:00-12:00  | Thursday 8:00-2:00 | Friday 8:00-12:00 |
| Westminster:     | Wednesday 8:00-5:00 | Friday 7:30-12:30  |                   |

### QUOTE

Smiling is infectious you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too, I passed around the corner and someone saw me again, When he smiled, I realized I passed it on to him, I thought about that smile, Then realized its worth, A simple smile just like mine could travel round the Earth. So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected, Let's start an epidemic quick, And set the world infected.



## Distance Ministry

The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry offers the opportunities for worship and study via zoom each week. If there's a week you are ill, you are not physically able to leave your home...this ministry is for you! See all the links below.

### ZOOM LINKS:: (HIGHLAND)

**BIBLE STUDY LINK:** Joint Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85829693534?pwd=WHRRRDRETVVvb1YvdDdFa2xDaW91QT09>

Meeting ID: 858 2969 3534    Passcode: 268410    One tap mobile: 16468769923,  
+1 669 444 9171 US                    +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30am)      (HIGHLAND)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

Meeting ID: 619 915 621    Passcode: 129308

### DISTANCE MINISTRY

**WORSHIP LINK 9:30am Sunday Worship - (HIGHLAND)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/912154723?pwd=cHI2eVJBVWM0azV4U0MzZ1NtdHEzUT09>

IF YOU ARE USING A CELL OR LAND LINE: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 912 154 723    Password: 664159

**WORSHIP LINK (WESTMINSTER)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86533397349?pwd=MUE3M1BHVXQyRVhRUWRGZINRNGtiQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3339 7349                    Passcode: 920593

Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

**EACH WEEK DVD'S AND CD'S ARE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHLAND SERVICE.**

## JVSM FEBRUARY CALENDAR

| Sun   | Mon                                  | Tue  | Wed                                    | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|--|
|   |                                      |  |  |   |     | 1 Bible Study @ Highland @ 8:30  |
| 2 HUPC Coffee Hour<br>HUPC Worship 9:30<br>and Zoom with<br>8:30 SS (H)<br>9:30 SS (W)<br>WUPC Worship 11:00<br><b>ORDINATION/<br/>INSTALLATION @<br/>(W) @ 11:00</b> | 3 Grief<br>Support Group<br>9:30-11  | 4 Admin<br>Comm. 4:15<br>Deacons (H)<br>6:00 | 5 On—Line<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>p.m.  | 6 Trustees (W)<br>4:45<br><br>Session (W)<br>6:30 | 7   | 8 Bible Study @<br>Westminster @<br>8:30<br>Celebration of<br>life for Joe<br>Frank—Family<br>members only |
| 9 HUPC Worship 9:30<br>and Zoom<br>8:30 SS (H)<br>9:30 SS (W)<br>WUPC Worship 11:00   | 10 Grief<br>Support Group<br>9:30-11 | 11 Worship/<br>Music 10:00                   | 12 On—Line<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>p.m. | 13 Session (H)<br>6:00                            | 14  | 15 Bible Study<br>@ Highland @<br>8:30   |
| 16 HUPC Worship 9:30<br>and Zoom<br>8:30 SS (H)<br>9:30 SS (W)<br>WUPC Worship 11:00<br><b>EAGLE SCOUT FOR<br/>HENRY BARLUP 2-5</b>                                   | 17 Grief<br>Support Group<br>9:30-11 | 18   | 19 On—Line<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>p.m. | 20 CPR<br>Training 5—8                            | 21  | 22 Bible Study<br>@ Westminster<br>@8:30<br>Celebration of<br>life for Tom Ulsh<br>from 10-3               |
| 23 HUPC Worship 9:30<br>and Zoom<br>8:30 SS (H)<br>9:30 SS (W)<br>WUPC Worship 11:00  | 24 Grief<br>Support Group<br>9:30-11 | 25   | 26 On—Line<br>Bible Study 6:30<br>p.m. | 27  | 28  |  |



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